GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SELLING OF INFANTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of selling of infants has been reported from different parts of the country including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the current year;

(c) whether the Government has ordered any inquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to stop such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N SINGH)

(a) to (d) As per National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), data pertaining to selling of infants is not maintained centrally by NCRB. State Governments have also not sent any report in this regard.

(e) As per the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects and, as such, the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, lies with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Government of India is deeply concerned with the welfare of children and through various schemes and advisories to the State Governments / Union Territory Administrations, augments the efforts of the States /UTs.

A detailed advisory dated 14th July, 2010 has been sent by the Central Government to all State Governments and UT Administrations wherein States/UTs have been advised to ensure all steps for improving the safety conditions in schools/institutions, public transport used by students, children`s parks/play grounds, residential localities/roads etc. It has also been advised that the crime prone areas should be identified and a mechanism be put in place to monitor infractions in such areas for ensuring the safety and security of students, especially girls.

Apart from the above mentioned, Ministry of Home Affairs has recently issued an Advisory on missing children on 31st January, 2012 wherein the States / UTs have been advised on various measures needed to prevent trafficking and trace the children. These includes computerization of records, DNA profiling, involvement of NGOs and other organizations, community awareness programmes etc. to facilitate the tracing of missing children.

Ministry of Home Affairs has also circulated a comprehensive pro-forma to States / UTs on missing children for better matching of missing and found children

The Ministry of Women and Child Development under consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs is also developing a National Portal for tracking of 'missing' and 'found' children. Ministry of Women and Child Development is also implementing Integrated Child Protection Scheme.